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SUBJ: LST FOR TURKEY: STATUS REPORT

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SUMMARY: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED " IN PRINCIPLE"
TO ACCOMMODATE LST IN JAPANESE FACILITY
AFTER SHIP TRANSFER TO TURKISH NAVY, BUT IS OPPOSED
TO PERMITTING ANY TRAINING OF CREW IN JAPAN. FONOFF
HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED US NOT TO DO ANY MORE SHIP
TRANSFERS TO THIRD COUNTRIES IN JAPAN. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY MAY 9 THAT JAPAN DEFENSE
AGENCY HAS, WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE, AGREED " IN PRINCIPLE"
TO ACCOMMODATE LST AT JAPANESE MSDF FACILITY, IMMEDIATELPQ
AFTER SHIP TRANSFER TO TURKISH NAVY ON JUNE 1. GOJ
WILL SO INFORM TURKISH EMBASSY HERE.

2. FONOFF SAID THAT REMAINING BOTTLENECK IS QUESTION
OF PERMITTING TURKISH NAVY TO RECEIVE TRAINING ABOARD
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THE SHIP IN JAPAN (PRESUMABLY BEYOND " EQUIPMENT FAMILIARIZATION"), AS REQUESTED BY THE TURKISH EMBASSY. FONOFF VIEW THUS FAR IS THAT THIS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. IN ANY EVENT, THIS IS PROBLEM TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN GOJ AND TURKISH EMBASSY.

3. FONOFF HAS AGAIN EXPRESSED GOJ UNHAPPINESS TO EMBASSY OVER THIS SECOND INSTANCE THIS YEAR OF US SHIP TRANSFER TO THIRD COUNTRY IN JAPAN, AND HAS INFORMALLY RPT INFORMALLY ADVISED US NOT TO DO THIS AGAIN YORK THIS YEAR TO ADDRESS UNGA, WHICH SHOULD BE SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE RELIEF BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN NEW YORK.

3. IN ADDITON AMIN GAVE ALL- OUT SUPPORT TO NORTH KOREA, DESPITE FACT HE SUPPOSEDLY ENJOYS GOOD RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA AS WELL, WHICH HAS LONG HAD RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN KAMPALA, AND WHICH HAS PROVIDED BADLY- NEEDED HELP IN FIELD OF MEDICAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

4. MAY 4 ARRIVAL OF SIX- MAN DPRK DELEGATION WAS PUBLICIZED BUT SUBSEQUENTLY THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO NEWS OF ITS ACTIVITIES UNTIL MEETING WITH GENERAL AMIN. DELEGATION IS HEADED BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OTHERS IDENTIFIED AS Z. MYONG SU AND ZON MYONG.

5. COMMENT: THIS IS THIRD DAY IN ROW AMIN HAS LEVELLED HARSH ATTACK AT UNITED STATES. FIRST WAS HIS LATEST TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT NIXON (KAMPALA 1543 AND 1551); SECOND WAS HIS WARNING ABOUT AMERICANS IN UGANDA (KAMPALA 1562 AND 1572). AT SAME TIME THERE HAS BEEN STEADY DIET OF ANTI- PRES NIXON EDITORIALS IN GOVERNMENT- CONTROLLED VOICE OF UGANDA. UNTIL GENERAL AMIN DECIDES TO TRAIN HIS GUNS IN ANOTHER DIRECTION WE CAN EXPECT A CONTINUATION OF THESE SALVOS OVERHEAD.
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